



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

St. Paul's Cathedral Arts

Choral Evensong

Sunday, December 13, 2020
4:00 pm

Sung by Members of the Cathedral Choir
Mark A. Babcock, Choirmaster and Cathedral Organist

The Rev. Nicola Bowler, Officiant
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Savior of the Nations, Come

Michael Burkhardt

OPENING SENTENCES

THE INVITORY AND PSALTER

ST. MARTIN PRECES AND RESPONSES

David Drinkell

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Phos hilaron

O gracious light

S 61

- St. 1 *O gracious Light,*
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
- St. 2 *Now as we come to the setting of the sun,*
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- St. 3 *You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,*
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Hymn 54

Savior of the nations

NUN KOMM, DEER HEIDEN HEILAND

- St. 1 *Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.*
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
- St. 2 *Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!*
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!
- St. 3 *Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;*
Hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.
- St. 4 *Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the victory won.*
Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

PSALM 103

Sung by the Choir

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever
on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

THE LESSONS

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Hymn 268

JULION

- St. 1 *Ye who claim the faith of Jesus, sing the wonders that were done
When the love of God the Father over sin the victory won.
When he made the Virgin Mary mother of his only son.*
- St. 2 *Blessed were the chosen people out of whom the Lord did come;
Blessed was the land of promise fashioned for his earthly home.
But more blessed far the mother, she who bore him in her womb.*

St. 3 *Therefore let all faithful people sing the honor of his name;
Let the Church, in her foreshadowed, part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's mother sang in gladness let Christ's people sing
the same.*

St. 4 *"Magnify my soul, God's greatness; in my Savior I rejoice;
All the ages call me blessed, in his praise I lift my voice;
He has cast down all the mighty, and the lowly are his choice."*

John 3: 22 – 30

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized— John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.'

NUNC DIMITIS

Hymn 499

SONG 1

*Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace
As promised in your word;
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,
Prepared by you for all the world to see,
To shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
The glory of your people, and their light.*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *sung by all*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you

Choir *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir *Lord have mercy upon us.*

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by all*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES *sung by the Officiant and the Choir*

Drinkell

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation

O Lord, save this land

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
*Because there is none other that fighteth for us
but only thou, O God.*
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

ANTHEM *A White Dove Flew From Heaven* Johannes Brahms

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

Hymn 68 *Rejoice, rejoice, believers* LLANGLOFFAN

- St. 1 *Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.*
- St. 2 *See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!*
- St. 3 *Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!*

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Is Here* Glenn Wonacott

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Toccata on *Savior of the Nations, Come* Paul Manz

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